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ESTHERVILLE, IOWA Nov. 3, 25.

Mr. Howland Wood,
155th Street & Broadway,
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Sir:-

Mr. Archibald Firestone informs me that the believes you have several of the Bryan Dollars in duplicate that you would like to dispose of. I am a member of The American Numismatist Society, and my No is 2385, so you see I havent been in the game long, but I am as crazy over my hobby as any collector in America but being a poor man I am compelled to add to it very slowly.

I have a general collection together now of U.S.coins that is worth about \$3000.00. In the dollars I am making a collection of the general Type as I cannot afford to follow out even the date collection let alone the detailed type in the larger denominations. I have some of my sets complete in dates, but do not attempt to follow out Mint Marks, altho I have several in Mint Marks. I have my date sets complete in 3¢ both silver and Nickel, and 5¢ about all in Br. Proof cond. Also have my 2¢ all in pr. and $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ about all complete, and 50¢, and 25¢ well on the way, and have over 30 Gold Dollars, and same no of $\$2\frac{1}{2}$, several \$3.00 as well as \$5. \$10. and \$20. Gold. Have a number of Patterns, and a nice start on paper money. Coming back to the text would you mind to send me what duplicate Bryan Dollars you have for my choice? I will return ones I do not want at once and send Money order for others.

I surely will appreciate you in keeping the price of these down as low as you can, as I mentioned above my buying power is limited. Also I would appreciate it very much if you would write me your knowledge on the Bryan Dollars, as my knowledge of them is very limited. How many Types of them are known, value, where and how were they struck etc etc?

You might also list any other duplicates you have for sale as I am interested in almost all denominations of U.S.Coins and am ~~xx~~ buying a few about all the time. I buy mostly at Auction and save money in doing so, as a general rule, but pick up a number of bargains advertised in The Numismatist quite frequently.

Yours truly,

T. Barnes.

November 7th, 1925

Mr. T. J. Barnes
Estherville High School
Estherville, Iowa

Dear Sirs

Your letter at hand concerning the Bryan dollars. I am enclosing a list of those which we have for sale. Our Society has been especially interested in Bryan dollars for twenty-five years and has listed over 125 varieties.

In brief, the history of them is as follows: They were issued by anti-Bryan factions in 1896 and 1900 during the two Free Silver campaigns. Various silversmiths issued pieces in silver, showing the difference between a dollars' worth of silver and a silver dollar. Individuals and die-sinking firms issued satirical pieces in iron, lead, aluminum, etc. - most of these were grotesque, and all satirical. They vary in size from the size of a half-dollar to 10 or 12 inches. Most of them, however, are within three and five inches. Today, as a series, they are rare, as the bulk of them were thrown away after the campaigns, when the novelty had worn off.

Very truly yours,

Enc.

Curator

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ESTHERVILLE, IOWA Nov. 16, 25.

Mr. Howland Wood,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Sir:-

I had the impression that most of the Bryan Dollars had been struck in SILVER, but find the ones you list are none of them are in silver. I am not interested in these as they do not look enough like money for me to collect. I have the No. 1. you mention that was given me, and if I can find it will put it in some Auction sale as it does not look good to me, I am not even sure whether I can find it now or not. However if there are some that were struck in silver and are not too high priced I may in time buy a few of them. What other duplicates does your Society have to dispose of?

I am in the market for many coins and paper money, as well as Medals. Thanking you for information on Bryan Dollars, and trusting I might yet be able to buy some material from you, I am,

Yours truly,

T. J. Barnes.

P.S. I should be pleased at anytime to learn more about the Bryan Dollars, i.e. were many of them struck in Silver, and prices of these? If you have any Medals in duplicate I would like to know about it, as I want to get a collection of these at least of the Presidents of U.S. I hope some time to get to New York City, and if I do, one thing you can be sure of and that is I will visit your Society.

Gorham dollar 1896 Plain reverse. 4.25
- 1896 wheel reverse. 6.00
Tiffany - 1896 Tiffany & Co on edge. 7.00

November 21st, 1925

Mr. T. J. Barnes
Estherville High School
Estherville, Iowa

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 16th,
I am sending you by insured par cel post, three of
the silver Bryan dollars:

Gorham dollar..... 1896... plain reverse... \$4.25

Gorham dollar 1896... wheel reverse... 6.00

Tiffany dollar.... 1896... Tiffany & Co on edge \$7.00

Dollars were issued by Spalding and Company, of
Chicago, and Jaccard, of St. Louis. These are about all
that issued silver, and they, for the most part, have a good
deal of similarity.

I still think that the interesting collection is
the base metal pieces.

Very truly yours,

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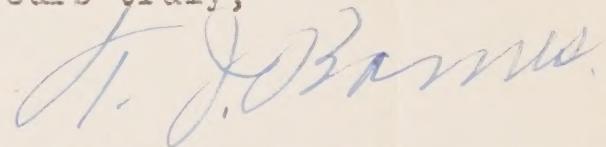
ESTHERVILLE, IOWA Nov. 27, 25.

Mr. Howland Wood,
New York, N.Y.,
Dear Sir:-

The Bryan Silver dollars received and in reply can say I am keeping the two Gorham plain reverse at #4.35 and wheeled reverse at \$6.00, and returning the Tiffany. Find inclosed Postal Order for \$10.25.

Thanking you for sending these and trusting you will send me a list at anytime you have duplicates for sale in almost all lines, I am,

Yours truly,



P.S. I think I asked you once before if you had any duplicates in Medals? I am interested in Medals, and should be glad to know what ones you might have for sale. Also do you have any Patterns for sale?

December 1st, 1925

Mr. T. J. Bannes
Estherville High School
Estherville, Iowa

Dear Sir:

Your favour with Money Order for \$10.25
at hand, as well as the return of the Tiffany
piece.

Right now we have no duplicate medals
for sale, but shall be glad to bear you in mind
if any duplicates accumulate.

Very truly yours,

Curator